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SUBJECT: ARCTIC/STRAITS LOS PACKAGE

REF: STATE 209036

1. IN ABSENCE OF MAURICE COPITHORNE, WHO IS ON VACATION, EMBOFF DISCUSSED REFTEL WITH ERIK WANG, DIRECTOR, LEGAL OPERATIONS DIVISION, EXTAFF. WANG WAS NOT CURRENT ON PRECISELY WHAT COPITHORNE MAY HAVE SUGGESTED REGARDING CONVEYANCE BY GOC OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATION CLARIFYING CANDIAN CABINET DECISION ON ARCTIC/STRAITS LOS PACKAGE. HOWEVER, HE IMMEDIATELY COMMENTED THAT HE HAD BEEN PRESENT AT ORIGINAL GOC PRESENTATION, AT WHICH GIME GOC HAD SPECIFICALLY NOT PROVIDED PACKAGE IN WRITING SINCE ORIGINAL U.S. PROPOSAL HAD NOT BEEIN IN WRITING EITHER.

2. IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING, WANG SAID, THAT IF THE ELEMENTS OF THE GOC PROPOSAL WERE AGREEABLE TO THE U.S., OFFICIALS OF

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BOTH GOVERNMENTS SHOULD THEN MEET AND JOINTLY REDUCE

THEM TO SOME FORM OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATION (PRESUMABLY NOT REPEAT NOT AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES). UNTIL THE U.S. INDICATED ITS GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH THE PACKAGE, GOC COULD NOT UNILATERALLY PUT PROPOSAL IN WRITING. CANADIAN LOS DELEGATION IN NEW YORK WOULD BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO GO BACK OVER AMBASSADOR BEESLEY'S PROPOSALS AND CLARIFY ANY POINTS ABOUT WHICH THERE IS UNCERTAINTY BUT, HE THOUGHT, THIS WOULD HAVE TO BE DONE ORALLY.

3. COMMENT: IN ABSENCE OF CANADIAN LOS PRINCIPALS FROM OTTAWA, EMBASSY SUGGESTS U.S. LOS DEL SHOULD TAKE UP MATTER IN NEW YORK WITH CANADIAN DEL. DUEMLING

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